June 12, 1996

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-220/96-04 AND 50-410/96-04

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

This letter transmits the results of the emergency preparedness program and the off-year exercise evaluation inspection led by Mr. D. Silk, from May 13-17, 1996, at the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, Scriba, New York. The inspectors based their findings on interviews with personnel, examinations of selected procedures and records, and observations of performance of emergency response organization members during the exercise. The inspectors discussed their findings with Mr. Richard B. Abbott, Vice President and General Manager, Nuclear, and other members of your staff, at the exit meeting conducted on May 17, 1996. Significant findings are reflected in the Executive Summary.

Overall, the emergency preparedness program was determined to be in a good state of readiness. Improvements were noted since the last program inspection, however, several instances of program control weaknesses were also noted, such as failure to test the technical support center ventilation filter. The inspectors assessed the performance of your emergency response organization during the exercise as good. The post-exercise critique process and findings were also noted as good.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

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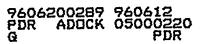
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